

The Daily Gazetteer.

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Yesterday arrived a Mail from France.

Leghorn, December 26.

HEY write from Lisbon, that 5 Brazil Ships are arrived there richly laden, particularly with 11 Chests of Gold in Coin and in Bars, each to the Value of 50,000 Cruzados for the King's Account, and that the Effects of a Ship from Goa, are computed at the Value of 9 Millions of Cru-

doe, including 8760 Carats of Diamonds. The Marshal de Noailles, who set out on the 22d for Rome, arrived at Bologna on the 24th, and lay there; but whether he succeeded in his Commission, is not yet known.

Gina, December 29. Several Ships from the Levant bring us Advice, that the Troops of Spain and Portugal are retired from their respective Frontiers; so that an Accommodation is supposed to have been concluded. The Affairs of the Isle of Corsica are in *Status quo*, the new Commissioners not caring to go over thither before Pinelli is come off of it, and the latter not caring to quit till his Commission is expired. Fifteen hundred Bales of Furniture belonging to the Palaces of Parma and Placentia, which were put on board an English Vessel, are failed for Naples, and they are beginning to put on board the Artillery, which is almost all arrived at St. Peter d'Arena.

Rome, Dec. 17. Saturday last Cardinal Guadagni paid a Visit to the Chevalier de St. George's eldest Son, whose Fall from his Horse obliged him to keep his Bed two Days, during which, the whole Sacred College, and the Pope himself, sent to inquire how he rested, and several of the Cardinals went in Person to see him. And Monday last the Sons of the French Ambassador, made a Visit to the Chevalier himself.

Vienna, Dec. 28. A Courier who arrived from Holland last Week, brings Advice, that most of the Provinces were for having the Prince of Orange to be Stadholder General; and that the People in general were also for his most Serene Highness. — We are assured, that the Duke of Lorain's Brother Charles, who is to be married to the Archduchess, second Daughter to the Emperor, will be here in a few Days, in order to be present incog. at the Nuptials and other Diversions; after which he is to go to Presburg, to assume the Office of Vicar General of Hungary, in the room of the Duke his Brother. — 'Tis said that an Express, which arrived here the Close of last Week from France, brought the Accession of the Court of Spain to the Preliminaries of the Peace. — 'Tis privately whisper'd, that the Count de Konigsegg, who is chief Steward to the Empress Regent, will be First Minister to the Duke of Lorain, but that he will also keep his other Posts.

The Author of the Paris Alaman, which is of the 11th Instant, N. S. observes, that the Marriage declared between the Duke of Lorain and the Archduchess, eldest Daughter to the Emperor, has not yet been notified to the French Court. He takes notice of the Marriage of his Brother Prince Charles intended at the same time; but says, that the Princes of the Lorain Family that are in France, will not be present at the said double Marriage, because of Disputes that may arise with the other Princes of Germany about Rank and Precedency. — It tells us, that the Marshal de Boufflers had a dangerous Relapse at Strasbourg; that M. Hainault, heretofore Farmer General, died lately at Paris of an Apoplexy: that several of the Generals lately returned from Italy, going to sell their Equipages, were order'd by Court to keep them, tho' 'tis very likely the French Troops will quit that Country next Spring. — It adds, the Report that King Stanislaus is forthwith expected in the Dutchy of Bar, and that he is to reside there till the Peace is concluded.

Hague, Jan. 10. Mr. Walpole's Departure for London is deferred for some Days; but it is reckoned his Excellency will be ready to embark towards the End of next Week. The States of the Province of Holland will assemble To-morrow, almost all the Deputies being already arrived here. It is hoped the

Great Pensionary will assist in their Assembly, though he has been a little indisposed these two Days. The Lord Crawfurd, having made a Tour to Amsterdams, is returned hither, and will speedily set out for England.

The Attention of the Politicians of the North of Europe has lately been much taken up with a Treatise in the Polish and Latin Languages, intituled, *A Letter from a Polish Gentleman, relating to the Methods proposed for accommodating the Affairs of Poland*. This Letter having since been translated also into the French Language, and published at Hamburg and Utrecht, and being cry'd up by several that have read it, as a Piece that can never be answered, we think ourselves obliged to take some Notice of it.

It must be owned that the Paper is well written, the Arguments closely connected, and the Author seems to be a perfect Master of his Subject: But, till a fuller Confutation of this notable Letter appears, as is expected, from a very able Hand, we shall only introduce the following Extract of it, with this Observation, That the Author, who pretends to be altogether indifferent whether his Reflections are applied to the Meridian of Warsaw, or that of Koningsberg, is guilty of a palpable Blunder in that which he establishes as the Basis and Ground-work of the whole Superstructure; for, at the same time that he espouses and gives due Praise to this Preliminary Proposition in the Plan of Pacification, viz. *That it is absolutely necessary to avoid the Discussions of Prerogative, and of several Difficulties of that Nature*, his Letter runs entirely upon the Constitutions and Usages of Poland, which certainly ought not to take place against the Publick Good of all Europe.

Among other Reflections, the Author has the following, which is very remarkable:

'There is something, *says he*, very singular and extraordinary in the Form of the Polish Government: Several Affairs, and those too of the highest Importance, are neither regulated nor decided in that Country by any Law whatsoever: Such is, for Instance, that pretended *Hinge* of our Liberty, that *Liberum Veto*, which renders so many Dyets unsuccessful, and will, perhaps, one Day, prove the Ruin of the Republick. The Nobility, *continues the Author*, have usurped the Usage of this Prerogative, insomuch, that ever since 1652 they have adopted it as the favourite Mark of their Dignity, though there is no Law to give a Sanction or Colour to it. 'Tis the same Case with regard to Interregnum, and the Election of the Kings of Poland, which have no Law to be their Rule; and it has therefore been observed, by one of our best Authors, *That we seldom chuse a King without Broils, Violence, and Confusion*. Such is also the Abdication or Resignation of our Kings, of which History furnishes Examples enough, but none that serve them for Rules or Laws.'

The Author mentions Three of those Instances, *viz.* The Abdications of the Kings, Henry, John Casimir, and the late Augustus II. and examines each of them in particular. According to him, the only Abdication made by Concert with the Senate, was that of John Casimir; but it was not in Conformity to any Law; nor is there any Trace of such Law in the *Pacta Conventa*, nor in *Czwalkowsky* and *Hartknoch*, the Polish Authors of the most Eminence who have made Law their Subject.

These Enquiries put him upon examining, whether the Abdication that is settled for King Stanislaus is compatible with the Form of the Polish Government, with the Laws of the Republick, and the Instances mentioned above? He judges that, according to the Principle of the Plan of Pacification, where it is declared to be absolutely necessary to avoid *Discussions of Prerogative*, the Authors of that Plan took for their Pattern the Example of King Augustus II. who renounced the Crown in the Year 1706, by virtue of the Treaty made with Charles XII. King of Sweden, at Alt Rantad. But what our Author advances upon this Head is pretty extraordinary: *Augustus II. says he*, bound himself, as well as all our Kings before him, by a solemn Oath, taken at his Accession to the Crown, never to contravene the Laws of the Republick; Therefore he was not at his Liberty to abdicate, and therefore his Abdication was null and void. And from hence our

Author will needs have it, that the Abdication now prescribed for Stanislaus must be so too: And he knows of no other Remedy for the Republick, but to alter the Form of its Government, and to establish a Law whereby the two Competitors to the Crown may be both elected, and recognized as lawful Kings, with a Permission to either of the two to abdicate. But the Author has no sooner mentioned this Expedient, than he gives it up, and thinks it as impracticable as to drink the Ocean dry. In fine, the Author seems so scrupulously attached to the established Laws, that he never once considers that the Necessity of Affairs, or the Nature of Events, are generally the Principle of establishing Laws, and often the Cause of repealing them.

The PARALLEL.

Occasioned by some late virulent Libels on the Administration.

WREATHOCK and Fog have Virtues much the same; One robs you of your Purse, and one your Fame; The Lawyer's Weapon us'd to wound or kill, A Pistol is: — the Patriot's Arms — a Quill: And which has murder'd most, but few can guess, The Felon's Powder, or the Patriot's Preis; Yet tho' the Brother Saints, we often see In most things match'd, in some they disagree; Wreathock each Week, to gain some glorious Prize, Is perjur'd; — Fog more virtuous, only lies.

LONDON.

Whitehall, Jan. 2. His Majesty having been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon Thomas Abney, Esq; one of his Council learned in the Law, has since been pleased to grant unto him the Office of Steward, and one of the Judges of his Majesty's Court of his Palace at Westminster.

The Commons of Ireland have now under Consideration, a Bill for Ascertaining the Tythe of Herbage or Agistment of Dry and Barren Cattle in that Kingdom, and settling the Methods of Recovering the same. And another for the Relief of Creditors, by making Composition with their Debtors, in case two Thirds in Number and Value do agree. — The Master, Wardens, and Corporation of Bakers in Dublin, are to be heard by their Counsel, against the Act for Continuing, Explaining and Amending an Act, intituled, An Act for the Buying and Selling all Sorts of Corn, Meal, and other things therein mentioned, by Weight; and for the more effectual preventing the Frauds committed in the Buying and Selling thereof, and for regulating the Price and Asize of Bread, and for better regulating the Markets.

Yesterday their Majesties, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Princesses Amelia and Caroline, went to the Royal Chapel at St. James's, and heard Divine Service perform'd by the Reverend Dr. Stebbing, and his Grace the Duke of Athol carried the Sword of State to and from Chapel before his Majesty.

To-morrow being Twelfth-day, the partie will be observed at St. James's as a Collar Day; at Noon their Majesties, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Princesses Amelia and Caroline, will go to hear Divine Service in the Royal Chapel, when his Majesty will make his Offering at the Altar of Gold, Myrrh, and Frankencense; and at Night his Majesty will play at Hazard with several of the Nobility, for the Benefit of the Groom Porter.

Yesterday being the second Sunday after Christmas Day, the same was observed at Court as a Collar Day, when the Knights Companions of the most noble Order of the Garter, Thistle, and Bath, appeared in the Collars of their respective Orders.

The same Morning James Hamilton, of Dumbarton in Scotland, Esq; was married to Miss Jane Bristow, Daughter of Joseph Bristow, of Bond-street, Esq; a Fortune of 10,000 l.

We hear that several of his Majesty's Ships of War are ordered to be dock'd and clean'd, and that in a few Days they will be put in Commission.

Lieutenant Jervoise, who has been on Half Pay for a considerable Time, kissed his Majesty's Hand on Thursday

Thursday last, on his being appointed Captain of an Independent Company at New York.

Thursday last George Deane of Stains, Esq; was married at Hampton Town to Miss Ayton, Daughter of the late William Ayton, of Hampton, Esq;

On the 29th of December last, John Cater, Esq; died at his Seat at Kempstone in the County of Bedford.

Yesterday the Lady Preston lay very ill at her House in Dover-street.

As did Madam St. Quintin, at her House in Great Russell-street.

This Morning the Corpse of the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice Eyre, is to be carried from his late Dwelling House in Bloomsbury Square, in order to be interred in the Burial Vault of his Family at Salisbury.

The Right Honourable the Lord Hillsborough, who has been dangerously ill at his House in Hanover Square, is now in a fair Way of Recovery.

We hear that their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Orange will come over here, to be present at the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Saxe Gotha, which, it is reported, will be solemnized the First Day of next March, being her Majesty's Birth-Day.

Mr. Apsley, Gardener to Mr. Sergant at the Crown in Uxbridge, made a Present to his Majesty of a fine Cucumber on New-Year's-Day, for which his Majesty was graciously pleased to order him Ten Guineas.

Last Friday Night died the Lady of Counsellor Way, at his House in Great James-street, near Bedford-Row. She was Daughter of the late Sir Gregory Page, of Black-Heath, Bart. and Sister to the present Sir Gregory Page, Bart.

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